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**Abstract:** It is estimated that there are 3 million Armenians in Armenia and 7 million in the diasporas. The Armenian Nation is spread around the globe, with a major hub in Armenia and multiple hubs everywhere else. The Panel will focus on the realities of the global Armenian community and how well the Armenian Nation writ large can navigate in this new era, where the virtual and the spatial worlds interact and evolve. Furthermore, how can this new existence contribute to innovative ways of defining and preserving the Armenian identity in the future. One of the key questions and challenges to be addressed by the Panelists is: should we think of the Armenian Nation in new ways?



**Dr. Nerses Kopalyan** is an assistant professor-in-residence of Political Science at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His fields of specialization include international relations, geopolitics, political theory, and philosophy of science. He has conducted extensive research on polarity, superpower relations, and security studies. He is the author of *World Political Systems After Polarity* (Routledge, 2017) and the co-author of *Sex, Power, And Politics* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016). He also authored two policy papers for the Republic of Armenia, "Transitional Justice Agenda for the Republic of Armenia" (Ministry of Justice) and "Changing the Paradigm in Armenia-Diaspora Relations" (Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs). He serves as an advisor to the Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs. His current research concentrates on geopolitical and great power relations with an emphasis on Eurasia. He has also done extensive work on political developments in Armenia prior and after Velvet Revolution, articles of which are published with EVN Report.



**Mr. Gevorg Poghosyan** has more than 25 years of entrepreneurial experience. He co-founded the first and largest e-payment system in Armenia: Idram. In 2016, he co-founded TCF, the world's leading marketing agency in the field of crowdfunding. Since 2021, he has been engaged in social entrepreneurship. He is the CEO of reArmenia collaboration platform.



**Dr. Khachig Tölölyan** was born in a family of teachers and intellectuals in Aleppo, Syria, in 1944. He grew up there, in Cairo and Beirut, emigrating to the USA in 1960. He received his BA from Harvard in Molecular Biology and his PhD from Brown in Comparative Literature. He was a Professor of Literature and the Humanities at Wesleyan University, in Middletown, CT, for 47 years, with visiting appointments at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Johns Hopkins, Columbia, and Oregon State University. He is the founding editor of two periodicals. One of them, named *Diaspora*: a journal of transnational studies, played a foundational role in the creation of diaspora studies as a field. He has published in Armenian over a thousand pages of articles and columns on diaspora issues, and a book titled *Spyurki Mech* (In the Diaspora). He co-edited a volume on *Diaspora, Identity and Religion* (2004, Routledge), and published much-cited scholarly articles on diasporas, exile, nationalism, and other

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